



Newsletter September 2015

As we "go to print" with our September issue it is just starting to feel a bit more chilly and autumnal. However, we're madly trying to hang onto Summer and refrain from calling it an Autumn issue!

This month we have an update on BT and Hants County broadband plans. Some good news, in part! Our Men's Shed inaugural meeting has been set for October and congratulations must go to the Watership for winning a CAMRA award! For all this plus news from our various local sports clubs and more... read on!

Your copy of the September [Overton News & Views](#) is available at this link.



Mon 19th Oct Mens' Shed kick off

Calling all those who have shown an interest in creating a Men's Shed association! A date has been set for our Mens' Shed inaugural meeting: Monday October 19th at 7pm at the Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke Lane.

It is hoped that the group once set up will focus on recreational workshop type activities - wood work, metal work, mechanic etc. skills sharing and training, all based in the pavilion. The activities will have to be sympathetic to the quiet neighbourhood and we hope will have social, recreational and health benefits for all members. The first task of the group will be formation of a charity and the development of the pavilion into a workshop and storage. It is hoped that storage facilities will also be available to local residents in parts of the building as a fundraiser.

Please pass the word around to anyone interested in forming and joining the group. The PC are currently in discussion with U3A, WI groups, local greening events, local and county council development officers and other Mens' shed groups and hope to have a broad base of support at the meeting.



Watership wins CAMRA Award

The Watership Down Inn is delighted to have been awarded "The Pub of the Year Award" for the area by real ale lobby group, CAMRA. Over 200 pubs took part and thanks needs to go to all the staff for their hard work and also to all locals for their fantastic support! On Friday 25th September there is a Tapas evening offering an array of Spanish dishes washed down with a selection of Spanish regional wines. Booking is recommended through the pub.

After last years success, another Bordeaux evening is being held on November 12th, comprising a 6 course tasting menu with a different wine with each course. The evening is sponsored by the Bordeaux wine producers and is an excellent way of tasting some rather special wines. Further details to follow. The special Christmas menu will be available from November 30th to December 23rd. 2 course £25.00 3 course £29.00 The menu is on the [website](#) now!

Once again Philip, Jules and team are looking forward to holding the Laverstoke Senior Citizens special Christmas lunch on December 5th.

If you would like any further information see the [UK Mens Shed Association site](#) and please contact Nicky at laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or on 07563 942360. Alternatively just turn up at the meeting. See you there!



Archers host Scouts

On August Bank holiday the Black Arrows were pleased to have had a visit from Old Basing Archers as their home ground was being used by Old Basing Parish Council. It was good for members to mix and compete.

Recently a number of scouts from Whitchurch have been along to try archery, and in September some "Beavers" are coming (of the human kind).

The next beginners course, with spaces, starts on 22nd January and to register interest

please email peter@overtonblackarrows.org

The Black Arrows have recently had several pieces of good news. Club President, Peter Turner, has been appointed Team Manager to the British Team that is competing in the World 3D Championships in Italy. Also ex club member Steve Burke, from Basingstoke, is part of the team; He has recently become British Champion shooting the Longbow. 3D shooting is going around a course of targets shaped as foam animals.

To contact the pub - just visit or call 01256 892254.



Home Farm Development

On 18th August the PC had a Planning meeting to discuss the Home Farm Development at Laverstoke Park (Ref:15/02441/FUL: Conversion of agricultural buildings to 10 no. residential dwellings, including demolition, partial demolition and re-build, and small scale extensions. Creation of shared access, parking areas including car barns. Installation of a biomass boiler and associated landscaping.)

Around 25 people attended the public time. Stuart Argent from LPF was in attendance to answer questions. In general there was support for the re-development of the derelict brick and flint farm building but concern about additional traffic impact of 10 dwellings. In particular lack of passing places was highlighted. There is only one official passing spot from the B3400 junction on the narrow lane running up to North Lodge and none going N up Watch Lane past Southview cottages, up to

Bill Jones has just competed in the Hampshire Archery Association Field Championships and become county Bare Bow Champion. Bare bow is shooting without sights on the bow and field archery is going around a course of 24 targets of 4 different sizes.

The club is also very pleased to welcome a number of new members following the completion of a recent beginners course at The Laverstoke Archery range.

It is great to see that a number of the juniors are using archery as part of their "Duke of Edinburgh Award".



Thrive Sow & Grow

Sow & Grow Table top gardening for the over 50's: Thrive are offering 8 week free courses in Hampshire (as well as Berks. & S. Oxford.) on table top gardening. It's a great way to meet new friends, have fun and discover more about plants and gardening. You'll learn about tools and methods to help you carry on gardening and all ability levels from novice to experienced gardeners welcome.

To enquire about future courses or put your name on our waiting list, contact Thrive on: 0118 988 4844

Twinley Lane. This could potentially cause dangerous backing up situations. Another concern was the safety of the Watch Lane entrance onto the B3400. With cars going to the rugby club at the weekend in surges this entrance and lack of passing spots already causes some concerns today without added traffic.

Having considered the plan and the views of the residents the Parish Council have commented back to the planners at B&D that they cannot support the application as it is due to these traffic issues.



Pets (Puppies) For Sale Alert

Hampshire Trading

Standards are aware of a rise in reports concerning the purchase of pets, in particular puppies, advertised for sale via popular online auction websites. Fraudsters will place an advert of the puppies for sale, claiming to have recently moved abroad and needing to re-home them. Once a sale is agreed and payment is made, usually by money transfer or bank transfer, the pet does not materialise. The fraudster will

or SowAndGrow@thrive.org.uk

You don't need to bring anything. All plants and tools are provided by Thrive for each weekly session which is led by a Sow & Grow project officer. The Sow & Grow project has been fully funded by The Big Lottery fund which means that the courses are completely free to participants.

Participants can take home the results of their weekly activity. Each activity can be undertaken regardless of whether you have a window sill, a patio, a conservatory or a garden.

Even if you are physically unable to garden, all activities can be carried out whilst seated and require very little physical exertion. We can also show you new ways to make gardening easier.



Dog attacks plea

A worried Laverstoke resident has asked us to include the following:

My hens have experienced three dog attacks in as many months. Two hens died, and a third was badly mauled. We have also lost two geese to dogs in previous years. It is extremely distressing and I implore dog- owners to put their dogs on leads when passing properties with live-stock.

usually ask for further advanced payments for courier charges, shipping fees or vet bills.

To protect yourself:

- Stay within the auction guidelines. Be wary of paying fees via a Money Service Bureau, such as MoneyGram and Western Union.
- Consider conducting research on other information provided by the seller; e.g. a mobile phone number or email address used by the seller could alert you to any negative information associated with this number online.
- Request details of the courier company being used and conduct enquiries regarding the company
- Agree a suitable time to meet face to face to agree the purchase.
- Be wary. If you think the purchase price is too good to be true then this is probably an indication that it is!

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online at [Action Fraud](#) or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

Hampshire Trading Standards have produced guidance on buying a puppy, which can be found by clicking on the following link: [Buying a Puppy](#)

For further consumer advice, or to report a matter to Trading Standards, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06. Dial 999 if you feel threatened or intimidated.

PC says - please be considerate and remember that it is an offence to allow your dog to worry livestock!



Millennium Green Grass taken - Miracle!

Following my admission in the last newsletter that the grass seeding beside the tennis courts on the Millennium Green field had not taken, a miracle has occurred! Ok so that's a bit over the top and this photo isn't the actual grass ... However, eventually after about 3 months the seed germinated under the weeds and we had grass. We have strimmed and mowed the area and it's starting to look pretty decent. Hopefully given a couple more weeks of growth we'll be able to take the orange netting down and walk here.

We are currently revamping the MG website and would be pleased to have any suggestions on what you would like to see. As this will be a community web site all input is welcome before 12th Sept to Ali Spooner on alisonspooner@yahoo.co.uk. or Lucy Arthur on lucykwilson@Yahoo.co.UK. Thank you!



Kit Malthouse Broadband Forum

A North West Hampshire Broadband Summit was organised by Kit Malthouse at the end of July. Two of our parish councillors attended. As faster broadband is one of the biggest issues we face at the moment it was a great opportunity to make direct contact with the teams from both BT and Hampshire County Council.

They heard about the commitment to universal broadband access to at least 2mbps by the end of 2015. The County Council has selected a satellite solution for launch in the Autumn to meet this need. The County Council are already holding the funds to enable this provision and are just waiting for the green light from the government. However for those with multiple devices, trying to use the cloud and all the latest streaming services this just isn't high enough.

Currently, according to the BBC news this morning, average UK broadband speeds are at over 23 Mb/s! The Government has an aim that 95% of the country will be on superfast broadband by the end of 2017 (actually 96% of Hampshire residents.) However, it is



Tennis Club news....

The weather was set fair for us at the tennis tournament we hosted as part of the first WorldWide Whitchurches Weekend.

With a flying (non-participatory) visit from just one other Whitchurch, play was nonetheless competitive but friendly, and Emma Longton and Luis Morris were declared our worthy champions!

The next club social occasion will be a pub walk for members on Sunday 13th September; while the next playing event will be the autumn tennis tournament a few weeks later, starting at 10am on the morning of Saturday 26th September. This tournament will be followed by a members' BBQ priced at a very reasonable £10 per adult (or £5 per child between five and 12), with adults asked to bring a bottle along with them. More details to follow...

The September tournament signifies the end of the main season but until then club sessions continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm; and on fine Saturdays between 3pm and 5pm (but please

check www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk for details) We hope to be able to continue our post Saturday play with a glass of chilled wine, in the sunshine!

A series of social events (skittles, progressive and Xmas dinners) should help tide us over until the spring - though

likely that many parts of our parish will fall in the final 4% of Hampshire who are in "Wave 3" of the County Council's Superfast Broadband programme. Chris Smith from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), part of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, explained that a number of technology testing pilots were underway with the government due to choose one of them in the Spring of 2016. The rollout of wave 3 would be dependent on the technology. It could be very swift, but was also dependent on government funding which would become clear in the Autumn Statement later this year. You can access information about Wave 3 and the pilots here: <http://bit.ly/1vSsMpK>.

In the meantime we now have a more senior contact at BT with whom the PC have been liaising re. the new Whitchurch Cabinet 7 in Freefolk. This is outside any of the Hampshire "Waves" and is wholly BT funded. There is currently work in progress to provide copper to the copper cabinet (PCP) and then we hope the fibre cabinet (DSLAM) next to it will be fibre connected to the exchange in Whitchurch.

The million dollar question is timing. Openreach have advised that they expect the copper to go in and the commissioning of the cabinet to be done in the next 3 months. Our view based on past experience is that we'll be extremely lucky to have this as our Christmas present and we'll need to put some pressure on to achieve this. However, the good news is that we

there is nothing to stop members arranging to play together, and setting up regular games through the autumn and winter seasons.

LTA tennis coach Carol Rogers runs courses for juniors and adults throughout the year. Contact Carol at carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk or on 07939 264999.

Ours is a friendly and growing club, and is always looking to welcome new members whether they are experienced, beginners or just want to get back into tennis. There is also the opportunity to join as a social member, for those who do not want, or have little time, to play tennis. Visit our website www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk to see our various membership costs.



Your Local Rugby starts 6th Sept

For all budding rugby players the Rugby Club Mini and Juniors Registration (U13 & U15 teams) is this coming Sunday 6th September from 10 a.m. Minis then have home training throughout September on Sunday mornings, with games starting in October. The Under 15's are playing away

believe some premises further east than Freefolk may also benefit i.e. bits of Laverstoke.

For the rest of us, once Wave 3 is announced next year, Kit Malthouse is planning to hold a "4%" summit when the options will become clearer.



Senior Citizens Tea Party

Mady Oram reports: On Sunday 9th August we held a Tea Party in the Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke. It was a beautiful afternoon. As our guests arrived they were greeted with a glass of Pimms and then they sat down for a catch up chat with old friends before tea. They had a delicious tea which had been prepared by the committee. Afterwards Howard had kindly set up two laptops, where the pensioners could watch videos of their past Garden/Tea parties. It was wonderful to see so many of our local senior citizens and also outside helpers who kindly help on our Coffee Mornings.

LRH is a wonderful hall, with all the facilities you would need for parties, and other events.

at Trojans on 20th September and the Under 13's also are planning to go to a Trojans September tournament.

Colts (U17 & U18) are training on 6th Sept at 11am and will have their first home game in October.

Senior Training is Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00. Seniors Warm up games are already underway against Hungerford, Aldermaston, Hook and Odiham. The first teams' first league game is away at Alton on 19th September, with the first Home game against Ventnor on 26th September. The second team's first game is 3rd October against Winchester.

New players of all abilities welcome!
Contact Alan
Cornell alancornell@btconnect.com for further information or just turn up at the club. Seniors play Saturday afternoons, Minis and Juniors Sunday mornings and Colts Sunday afternoons.

Oh and the rugby world cup starts 18th September!

OVERTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Overton choral society new season

There are a few of us from Laverstoke that sing with the Overton Choral Society in St Mary's Hall. Our new year starts on Mon Sept 7th at 7.30pm and this is a great time for newcomers to join. If you enjoy singing,

Many thanks to all the committee girls for their hard work and all their delicious cakes and sandwiches. Also thanks to the husbands, partners and helpers who all contributed to making this occasion such a success.

Date for your Diary: Saturday 10th October - our second Coffee Morning of the year - will be held in the Kingfisher Day Centre in Laverstoke at 10.00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you all. Do come and have a cup of coffee with us.



Harvest Family Service 27th Sept

Harvest Family Service at St Mary the Virgin on Sunday 27 September at

5.00 pm: Come and celebrate the harvest of all the good things we enjoy in this area. The service will last about 45 minutes with all the favourite harvest hymns. Drinks and canapes afterwards. Children positively welcome.

We have Holy Communion Services at

or think you would enjoy singing, and would like to find out more contact Nicky Nicklin on 07725 368012 or Brenda Bond on 01256 895594. All abilities welcome from beginners to pros! Our main focus will be on a performance of Mozart's requiem in Romsey Abbey next May, in conjunction with several other choirs from the Winchester and Romsey areas.

St Mary the Virgin on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9.00 am (based on the much-loved traditional Book of Common Prayer)

There is also an evening on 5th Sept with Paul and Fiona Jones with more details in the Overton News&Views.



PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

13th Oct
10th Nov
8th Dec
12th Jan
9th Feb

Laverstoke and Freefolk PC meetings start at 7.30pm with up to 15 mins public time. Anyone is welcome to attend to ask questions, make suggestions or air views on local



Lady Rose Hall Class contacts

[Kettlebell Fitness](#): 7 - 8p.m.

Thursdays with John Ruffell
Tel: 07910 736432

[Yoga Friday](#): 10 -

11a.m. [Yogamaniac](#) Tel: 0788 4 384399

[Yoga Monday](#): 7-

8.30p.m. [Yoga with Gloria](#) on: 0758 462 1857

Other dance or fitness sessions: Does anyone know a teacher who may be interested in running a class here on a Wednesday evening? Let [Nicky](#) know: 07563 942360

To book the hall for your events see www.ladyrosehall.co.uk



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Bombay Sapphire Resident's

Help Line Tel.: 01256 890078

Our neighbouring web-sites:

The [Official Whitchurch web site](#)

The [Original Whitchurch web](#)

issues during the public time. Time will be split equally between the number of people wishing to speak. After public time parishioners are welcome to stay on but they are unable to interrupt the Council meeting. Venue: Lady Rose Hall, Laverstoke Lane. Note: no meeting is held in August.

Easyfundraising Link

Millennium

Green[Easyfundraising](#) link.

Sign up to support Laverstoke and Freefolk Millennium Green. When you shop online, through this site, a donation is made. This is FREE to you.

Service times at St Mary's

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Our Local Sports Clubs

[Whitchurch Tennis Club](#)

[Overton Black Arrows Archery Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for the Elderly](#)

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